towns under the provision of IDSMT, steps are taken to mitigate the regional imbalances taking into consideration the backward States like Orissa.

It can be seen from the reply given by the Minister that sufficient attention has not been given to Southern parts and Northern parts in Orissa in implementing the schemes. May I know from the Minister whether he would take special steps in implementing the schemes in Southern and Northern parts of Orissa?

श्री दलबीर सिंह : सभापति जी, यह तो स्टेट गवर्नमेंट के ऊपर डिपेंड करता है कि वह कौन से टाउंस रिकमेंड करती हैं। इसके साथ ही साथ जहां तक इसमें सवाल है, पैसे देने का उसमें कोई कमी नहीं होती है। जब भी हमारे पास जो पैसा हम यहां से देते हैं, उसमें से 75% तक पैसे का यूटीलाइजेशन सर्टिफिकेट राज्य सरकारें हमारे पास भेज देती हैं, तो उसके आधार पर नेक्स्ट इंस्टालमेंट हम देते हैं। जहां तक माननीय सदस्य का यह कहना है कि उड़ीसा के जो भी बैकवर्ड इलाके हैं, जो भी टाउन्स हैं, उनके लिये बराबर जैसे ही हमारे पास स्टेट गवर्नमेंट से प्रोपोजल आयेगी और जैसे ही पैसे का प्रावधान होगा, हम उनको इन्क्लूड करने का प्रयास करेंगे।

SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Sir, the development of small and medium towns depends to a great extent upon planners and there is a shortage of professionally trained planners as has been observed by the President of Institute of Town Planners in India.

I would like to know from the Minister whether Government is proposing to train planners for the development of small and medium towns in our country.

श्री दलबीर सिंह : सभापति जी, यह तो सेपारेट सवाल है, इस क्वेश्चन से रिलेटेड नहीं है।

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, the hon. Minister has stated that the medium and small towns in each State is to be covered under the scheme on plan to plan basis. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the State Governments are sending proposals for including the small and medium towns for the purpose of development. I would also like to know as to what are the criteria adopted by the Urban Development Ministry for the purpose of categorisation of small and medium towns so that the States can adopt it.

श्री दलबीर सिंह : सभापति महोदय, जो टाऊन एक लाख या एक लाख से कम की आबादी वाले हैं, जिनके बारे में स्टेट गवर्नमेंट्स हमारे पास प्रोपोजल बना कर भेजती है उनमें फस्ट सेकेंड या थर्ड रखना स्टेट गवर्नमेंट पर डिपेंड करता है और उसके आधार पर जैसे कि मैंने पहले बताया है, जैसे प्रोजेक्ट पर कुल खर्च एक करोड़ बीस लाख का होना है, तो लगभग 52 लाख सेंट्रल गवर्नमेंट का होता है यानि यह मैचिंग बेसेज पर होता है। उसी के आधार पर जब वहां से हमारे पास पैसे का यूटीलाइजेशन सर्टिफिकेट आ जाता है, तो और पैसा हम यहां से रिलीज करते हैं।

Second channel for Doordarshan

*342, SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the cities and towns in which second channel is proposed to be started by Doordarshan during the year 1988-89; and

(b) by when the second channel is proposed to be started at Lucknow and other cities|towns?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Second Channel service at Madras is expected to start in April, 1988.

(b) The Scheme for introduction of Second Channel Service is confined to

the Metropolitan cities of Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras only.

SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Sir, the introduction of second channel is most welcome. It can meet local needs and regional needs and can also serve as an alternative channel. The Government must extend this scheme to some other important centres also other than the metropolitan towns to serve local needs. Then, I would like to know from the Government whether it will consider in the coming years the opening of second channel at other important centres of the country like Lucknow which is a great centre, as you know yourself—you have stayed there—of secular cosmopolitan culture of the country which can help in strengthening secularism and integration and the second channel at Delhi is being treated as a poor relation. What steps are being taken to improve the quality and standard of production of this programme and make it truly an independent alternative channel?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): Sir, so far the provision in the 7th Plan has been for these four metropolitan cities. This was done because the population in these four cities is very large and it was decided that the local channel should be put up to meet the day-to-day requirements of the city. Now so far as considering of other towns for the programme is concerned it depends on availability of finance and other things. The hon. Member has given a suggestion. Now, so far as improving the quality of programmes on the second channel is concerned, that is under review. We do propose to give a fresh look to see that the second channel serves the purpose better.

श्री सभापति : दिल्ली के बारे में आपने जवाब नहीं दिया है।

SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT: Sir, so far as the second channel in respect of Delhi, Bombay and Calcutta is concerned, we are giving a fresh look to it so that we can improve the quality of it.

SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Sir, as you know, the British Parliament is called the Mother of Parliaments. The House of Lords has already started telecasting the proceedings. The House of Commons is on the way to it. If we throw open our proceedings to telecast by Doordarshan, the people will know what exactly we are doing here and this will help greatly in so many ways which I need not elaborate and this is very important for the functioning of democracy in our country. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the Government has plans for the telecast of parliamentary proceedings, may be by showing excerpts to begin with.

SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT: Sir, the Government has no such plan. The question relates to the second channel and the hon. Member knows that it does not relate to proceedings of Parliament.

SHRI KAPIL VERMA: It can be brought on the second channel. Sports events and these proceedings can be brought on the second channel.

SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT: I hope the hon. Member knows what the second channel is.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I am raising a supplementary relating to the second channel only and not the first channel. Sir, you are aware that most of the prime time of the first channel of Doordarshan is devoted to a variety of national programmes at the national level and States get seldom scope to project the peculiar cultures of different areas of States—for example, the life of people of various States. You are also aware that the States have been insisting on being given the control of the second channel so that the various State Governments can devote and utilise the second channel for projection of a variety of cultures of people of various States. May I know from the hon. Minister what steps the Government has been taking or

proposes to take to hand over the second channel to the State Governments?

SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT: The Government is not proposing to hand over the second channel to the State Governments for very obvious reasons. Even the Sarkaria Commission has gone into this matter and it feels that time is not yet mature for handing over the radio and the television to the State Governments.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: I am not asking about handing over, but only the managing of the second channel.

SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT. The Government do not consider this. I am only elaborating the Sarkaria Commission views. The second channel is part of the Doordarshan.

DR. C. SILVERA: Mr. Chairman, Sir, starting a second channel is most welcome. But, is the Government aware of the fact that there are certain areas in India where there is not even a single relay centre? For instance, in the southern part of Mizoram, in the town of Lung Lei people can watch only Bangladesh programmes. There is a proposal to set up a relay centre there. When is it likely to start functioning?

SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT : I shall give attention to the matter which the hon. Member has mentioned and inform.

SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Sir, I welcome the second channel to be opened in Madras in April 1989. Sir, our Constitutional architect, Mr. B. N. Rao, recommended that broadcast must be under the control of the State Governments. In the draft Constitution itself he had stated that. But, unfortunately, at the time of adopting the Constitution it had been shifted to the Central List. Since TV is absolutely under the control of the Centre, the State Governments have no say in formulating the programmes. Can we at least know in what manner or in what way the Centre in going to accommodate the State programmes to the satisfaction of the State Governments?

SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT: Sir, so far as production of programme is concerned, we have various Advisory Committees in which the States' representatives are also there and they are associated with these and they are free to give suggestions. This way we are associating them.

श्री सुरेश पचौरी : माननीय सभापति महोदय, अभी मंत्री जी ने अपने उत्तर में बताया कि द्वितीय चैनल की स्कीम महानगरों तक की सीमित है और अन्य नगरों में इसे प्रारम्भ करने में उन्होंने फाइनेंशियल प्राबलम बताई है और शीघ्र ही इस पर विचार करने का आश्वासन दिया है । दूरदर्शन का अपना एक महत्व है । मैं आपके माध्यम से मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूं कि जब निकट भविष्य में अन्य नगरों में सैकिड चैनल प्रारम्भ करने पर वे विचार करेंगे तो क्या महानगरों के बाद वे प्रदेशों की राजधानियों को प्राथमिकता देंगे ?

SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT : Sir, I can quite understand the anxiety of the honourable Member for having a second channel in the different State capitals. I have already said that the question of expansion of the media qualitatively as well as quantitatively in the whole country including the State capitals is very important. But that is dependent on much more important things. For example, we have to have production centres in all the State capitals and that is even more important. Even with regard to the four second channels which we have now, whether they are serving the purpose or not is the question which we are going into now. It is a question of utilising our resources for better requirements including those of the States like having programme production centres, more transmitters, etc., etc.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Yes, Mr. Gurupadaswamy.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY : Sir, I broadly agree with the honourable Minister that there has got to be both qualitative and quantitative expansion of this media. In this context, may I ask him—

(a) whether any evaluation study has been made with regard to its performance by the Doordarshan and whether he will agree to a parliamentary committee be-

cause I feel it is very important to go into the whole question of the working of the Doordarshan;

(b) whether he has got any perspective plan by which he will cover the entire country by his second channel; and

(c) if so, what is the financial implication of the scheme is if it is implemented.

SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT : Sir, I have very great respect for the honourable Member. He is a very senior Member and I would like to tell him that various committees from time to time including the Joshi Committee and various other committees and various other agencies have made studies into the performance of the media and they have made a number of recommendations and we have accepted a number of recommendations by the P. C. Joshi Committee. Therefore, I do not think that there is any necessity for any study by a parliamentary committee. Secondly, Sir, he has asked whether we are going to have a second channel, a national second channel. We have at present only these localised channels with a transmitter which covers only those areas. If you were to have a national second channel covering the entire country, the first question is how to make the first channel effective, how much time to be increased and how to make it more effective. On the question of expansion by having a second channel, a national second channel, I have not made any study. But, my broad impression is—it may be right, it may be wrong—that it runs into thousands of crores of rupees.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Yes, Mr Chaturanan Mishra.

श्री चतुरानन मिश्र : सभापति महोदय, माननीय मंत्री जी ने कहा है कि कोई खास अंदाजा नही है और उनका अंदाजा है कि थाउजेंड्स एण्ड थाउजेंड्स करोड़ खर्च होंगे। तो मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि किसी स्तर पर वे इसकी जांच करायेंगे कि इसका टोटल खर्च कितना बैठेगा और उसके लिये कोई टाइम बाउण्ड प्रोग्राम बनायेंगे कि जिसमें हम सभी को कवर कर सकें और लोग आश्वस्त हो सकें कि सभी के लिये यह खुलेगा ?

इसी तरह से इससे संबंधित प्रश्न यह है कि सरकारिया कमीशन ने जो कुछ कहा है वह आपके सामने है, लेकिन देश की एकता और अखडता की रक्षा को देखते हुए जिस तरह का राजनीतिक ढांचा देश में बन गया है, उसमें यह सेकिंड चैनल राज्यो को देने मे आपको क्या ऐतराज है ? इन दोनों बिन्दुओं पर मैं सफाई चाहूंगा।

SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT : Sir, I have already given my reply with regard to our position about handing over the second channel to the State Governments. The hon. Member is giving a suggestion that we should get a study made of the expenses and other things. I can get such a study made. But in regard to finances, there is no scope whatsoever of a second national channel in the near future.

Ill effects of the Doordarshan Advertisements on small scale industries

*343. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the ill effects of the advertisement blitz on Doordarshan on the Small Scale Industries as this Sector cannot afford the rates of Doordarshan;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to safeguard the interests of Small-Scale Industries;

(c) whether Government propose to give concession in advertisement rates to the Small Scale Industries; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) to (d) A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

Statement

Doordarshan revised the rates for advertisements with effect from 1-3-1987. In spite of the revision, a number of small